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SUBJECT: SOVIETS INVITE SECRETARY KREPS TO PARTICIPATE
IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC SALMON

REF: TOKYO 3648

1. ON EVENING MARCH 17 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM
MINISTER OF FISHERIES ISHKOV (DATED MARCH 10) TO SECRE-
TARY OF COMMERCE KREPS, WHICH INVITES HER TO PARTICIPATE
IN CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC SALMON IN MOSCOW DURING SECOND
HALF OF 1978, ALONG WITH MINISTERS DEALING WITH
FISHERIES MATTERS FROM CANADA AND JAPAN. TEXT OF ISHKOV
LETTER FOLLOWS PARA THREE BELOW (ORIGINAL POUCHED TO
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2. WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH OUR CANADIAN AND
JAPANESE COLLEAGUES ON THIS MATTER NEXT WEEK AND
WE WILL ALSO SEEK TO ELICIT MORE DETAILS ON PROPOSED
CONFERENCE FROM MINISTRY OF FISHERIES. WE WOULD
WELCOME TOKYO'S COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE RELATION OF
PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO ON-GOING SOVIET-JAPANESE
SALMON TALKS. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, HOWEVER, IT

APPEARS THAT U.S. MAY WISH TO DELAY RESPONSE AT LEAST UNTIL SOVIET-JAPANESE SALMON FISHING TALKS ARE COMPLETED SINCE THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF USING U.S. ACCEPTANCE AS A PRETEXT TO FORBID JAPANESE SALMON FISHING, ON THE GROUNDS THAT MULTI-LATERAL DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY. IT ALSO APPEARS TO US THAT THE SOVIET INVITATION IS PITCHED RATHER HIGH, AND THAT A U.S. DELEGATION LED BY HEAD OF NOAA OR NMFS WOULD MORE CLOSELY CORRESPOND TO THE SOVIET MINISTER OF FISHERIES, SHOULD THE U.S. DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET INVITATION.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

MOSCOW, MARCH 10, 1978

DEAR MRS. SECRETARY,

THE RADICAL CHANGES IN THE LEGAL REGIME OF THE WORLD OCEAN TAKEN PLACE DURING RECENT TIME HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THE NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY, BETWEEN THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE CONSIDERABLY AND CLOSELY ADJOINED.

FOR THE SOVIET UNION AND EQUALLY FOR THE USA, CANADA
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AND JAPAN CONSERVATION AND REPRODUCTION OF SALMON INHABITING THE NORTHERN PART OF PACIFIC OCEAN ARE OF AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT VALUE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT TO INVITE YOU, MRS. SECRETARY, AS WELL AS MINISTERS FROM CANADA AND JAPAN DEALING WITH FISHERIES MATTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING MEETING TO CONSIDER PACIFIC SALMON PROBLEMS. WE SUGGEST TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING OF MINISTERS IN MOSCOW IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1978.

I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF MY INVITATION AND FOR HAVING ME INFORMED OF MEETING DATES CONVENIENT TO YOU.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

A. A. ISHKOV
MINISTER OF FISHERIES OF THE USSR.

END TEXT. TOON. UNQUOTE COOPER

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